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Subject: Apex Mine

I spoke to David Godlewski of Cominco American concerning the fact that the Apex Mine is approaching the ten year no-activity phase of our rules.

He stated that the mine was being held as a strategic reserve for their germanium and gallium production quotas. And because this reserve is not needed at this time the mine would probably remain inactive for the foreseeable future.

He did say they have been closing some of the open workings on the property. I asked to be notified this summer when they were on the property so I could document some of the work. He stated that it would probably be sometime in March or April when they started up again.

I did mention the possibility of addressing the board for an extension of the time frame for board ordered reclamation of the site. I'll have to research to see when the ten year deadline will fall.

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